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SUBJECT: RELAXATION AND AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS

SUMMARY: JAPANESE HAVE RECEIVED AIDE MEMOIRE FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ANNOUNCING RELAXATION IN GOA STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS TOWARD " EASTERN EUROPE" AND PRC. ON INSTRUCTIONS, JAPANESE COCOM DEL HAS REQUESTED FROM USDEL US REACTION AND ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE IMPACT THIS STEP WILL HAVE. END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE DEL TOLD USDEL MAY 4 HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TELEGRAM ( REPEATED INFO ONLY JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON) INFORMING THAT MFA HAD RECEIVED THAT DAY AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED BY MINISTER OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY NOTIFYING GOJ THAT GOA INTENDED TO DISCONTINUE PROMPTLY SPECIAL EXPORT CONTROLS ( EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO NUCLEAR MATERIALS) PERATING AGAINST " EASTERN EUROPE" AND PRC. AIDE- MEMOIRE INDICATED SIMILAR NOTIFICATION BEING MADE TO US, UK, CANADA, AND NEW ZEALAND.

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2. JAPANESE DEL WAS INSTRUCTED TO SOLICIT FROM USDEL US REACTION TO AUSTRALIAN MOVE AND ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT TERMINATION OF SUCH CONTROLS MIGHT HAVE FOR EFFICACY OF MULTILATERAL CONTROLS. HE POINTED OUT THAT DIET IS PRESENTLY IN SESSION AND GOJ COULD FORESEE CONSIDERABLE PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURE FOR JAPAN TO FOLLOW SUIT IF MATTER BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. TS. ALGINT HAS MADE NO RPT NO COMPLAINT REGARDING TREATMENT OF MEN WHILE IN CUSTODY. ALGINT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MEN CAN BE RELEASED PENDING TRIAL ON DOLS 5,000 BOND EACH. LOCAL PUBLIC DEFENDER IS NOW PROVIDING COUNSEL, BUT ALGINT HAS BEEN INFORMED IT CAN RETAIN OTHER COUNSEL IF IT WISHES. ALGINT HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT CONSULAR OFFICER BENREDOUANE IS PLANNING TO GO TO BATON ROUGE MAY 7 TO ASSIST DEFENSE. TRIAL DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET BUT IS EXPECTED TAKE PLACE WEEK OF MAY 14.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION SHOULD GOA RAISE THIS CASE WITH YOU; DEPT SEES NO REASON FOR YOU TO RAISE IT WITH GOA AT THIS TIME. RUSH

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